

CLERK: Senator Marsh voting yes.

SENATOR MARSH: Clerk, record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR MARSH: Debate is ceased. Is Senator Nichol going to help close on this?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Madam Chairman, thank you. If he would like to speak, I would certainly yield some time. I would like to make just a couple of brief comments because we are fast approaching adjournment time and I would like to yield some of my time to Senator Newell then. I hate to follow a man so eloquent as Senator Chambers and point out some very pertinent facts here. But, I, too, feel like I am compelled to say that I am quite irritated with what comes across as being turf protection without cause and we are not talking about robbing anybody of anything and we are not worried about protection of certain turfs that this letter might have talked about. We are talking about education for people that wouldn't get education otherwise, to give them a chance to advance and succeed in this world that they would not get otherwise and that is a very simple statement of what this particular bill is doing. A couple of statistics in your handout that I will just give you very quickly. The 15 percent of these students out at Fort Omaha Campus of Metro Tech earn less than \$5000 and another 14 percent of the students earn between \$5000 and \$9000. That means close to 30 percent of the students out there earn less than \$9000. And I have been told that probably around 30 percent of the population, student population at Metro Tech, is black right now, or a minority; also that the student, the average student out there at the Fort Omaha Campus has been out of high school for ten years or longer. I fail to see how anybody can practically argue that this is going to be duplicative type of service. I believe it is a service that has been afforded all across the state to people that want to further their education. I think it is the very least that we can do to afford this to a part, and just a part, and, quite frankly, because of the turf protection, just a part of the Metro Technical Community College Campus and